(c) No such seminar has been organised by the Government of India.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Survey on suicide by farmers

1390. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any study or survey to find out the reasons which compel farmers to take extreme steps of committing suicide in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to protect farmers in case of crop failure, leading to suicides?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) As per the reports received, the main reasons for suicide by farmers are crop loss and indebtedness. The respective State Governments which are primarily concerned taken appropriate measures in such cases.

Calamity relief fund and national fund for calamity relief

1391. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the operational guidelines and funding details of Calamity Relief Fund and National Fund for Calamity Relief;

(b) the allocation and tenure; and

(c) the assistance sought from both the funds and the amount released to each State during each of the last three years and the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) Financing of relief expenditure is governed by the recommendations of the Finance Commissions appointed quinquennially. State-wise allocation under Calamity Relif Fund (CRF) is determined by the Finance Commissions and the Government of India and the State

Governments concerned contribute to this Fund in the ratio of 3:1. During 1995-96 to 1999-2000, Central share of CRF was normally released in 4 equal quarterly instalments. From 2000-2001, the Central share is released in 2 half yearly instalments.

During 1995-96 to 1999-2000, in addition to CRF, assistance from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) was considered for calamities of rare severity. The NFCR has been abolished on the recommendations of the XI Finance Commission and the scheme came to an end on 31.3.2000. From 2000-01, the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) is in operation, on the recommendations of the XI Finance Commission, to consider assistance, over and above the CRF, for calamities of severe nature. The guidelines for operation of CRF, NFCR and NCCF have been issued by the Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure).

Statement-I and II indicating State-wise details of release of Central share of CRF and assistance sought and released from the NFCR/NCCF during 1998-99 to 2001-2002 are annexed.

Statement-I

State-wise details of release of the calamity relief fund during 1998-99 *to* 2001-2002

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S.No.	State	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
1.	Andhra Pradesh	10330	10769	14854	7798
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	586	610	902	474
3.	Assam	4160	4337	7612	3996
4.	Bihar	4322	3379	5022	—
5.	Chhattisgarh	—	—	2060	2163
6.	Goa	89	93	47	—
7.	Gujarat	11612	12105	13114	11701
8.	Haryana	2084	2173	6098	—
9.	Himachal Pradesh	2242	2337	3261	3424
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	1639	1709	2618	—
11.	Jharkhand	—	—	4252	—
12.	Karnataka	3481	3629	5593	2936
13.	Kerala	4608	4804	1734	8604
14.	Madhya Pradesh	4249	4429	4698	4932
15.	Maharashtra	5673	4436	11790	12380

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	State	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
16.	Manipur	206	161	156	—
17.	Meghalaya	232	242	295	—
18.	Mizoram	105	110	111	—
19.	Nagaland	141	147	53	—
20.	Orissa	4077	4250	10365	6466
21.	Punjab	4504	4696	9204	—
22.	Rajasthan	14892	15525	19600	12226
23.	Sikkim	392	408	295	495
24.	Tamil Nadu	4937	5147	7698	—
25.	Tripura	374	390	141	—
26.	Uttar Pradesh	10407	10850	3208	13521
27.	Uttaranchal	—	—	710	—
28.	West Bengal	4269	4450	7583	—
	TOTAL:	99611	101186	143074	91116

Statement-II

Assistance sought and released from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) and National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) during last three years and current year

(Rs. in crore)

S.No.	State	1998-99 Assistance from NFRC		1999-2000 Assistance from NFRC		2000-2001 Assistance from NCCF		2001-2002 Assistance from NCCF	
		Demanded	Released	Demanded	Released	Demanded	Released	Demanded	Released
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1.	Andhra Pradesh	600.00	26.50	760.36	75.36	777.71	10.00	Nil	
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	200.23	13.47	Nil	Nil	139.10	2.00	Nil	
3.	Assam	1001.98	59.90	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
4.	Bihar	1003.75	11.45	701.26	38.18	975.87	29.67	Nil	
5.	Chhattisgarh	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	495.64	58.94	125.00	**
6.	Gujarat	810.65	55.35	817.23	54.58	15110.46	1579.37	Nil	
7.	Haryana	757.29	13.27	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
8.	Himachal Pradesh	266.06	Nil	259.42	Nil	1874.45	52.27	Nil	
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	Nil	Nil	214.47	73.42	1880.95	23.20	Nil	

(Rs. in crore)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10.	Karnataka	1352.13	39.78	249.95	17.09	435.83	Nil	736.09	**
11.	Kerala	1499.63	Nil	79.56	Nil	200.00	*	551.76	**
12.	Madhya Pradesh	251.34	Nil	556.88	38.86	795.42#	57.72	Nil	
13.	Maharashtra	152.26	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	500.00	**
14.	Manipur	Nil	Nil	24.00	4.93	Nil	Nil	Nil	
15.	Meghalaya	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	22.13	1.00	Nil	
16.	Mizoram	Nil	Nil	35.08	6.00	Nil	Nil	Nil	
17.	Orissa	445.59	Nil	7143.54	828.15	443.95	49.62	401.18	**
18.	Punjab	1140.60	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
19.	Rajasthan	959.62	21.98	1144.40	102.93	2367.80	113.97	Nil	
20.	Sikkim	141.41	7.67	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
21.	Tamil Nadu	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
22.	Tripura	30.11	5.05	158.80	5.34	Nil	Nil	Nil	
23.	Uttar Pradesh	2254.30	131.15	339.55	16.68	Nil	Nil	Nil	
24.	West Bengal	804.43	66.33	750.38	29.52	1486.70	103.25		
	TOTAL:	13671.38	451.90	13234.88	1291.04	27006.01	2081.01	2314.03	

NOTE: During 1998-99, Rs. 10.20 crore to Karnataka and Rs. 35.00 crore to Madhya Pradesh were released in response to the Memoranda received during 1997-98.

*No Central Team was deputed as calamity was *prima facie* not considered to be of sever nature.

**Under consideration.

#Includes requirement of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

Assistance for Natural Disaster to Karnataka

1392. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal submitted by the Karnataka Government for Central assistance for natural disaster has been pending for a long time; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount sanctioned for 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The Government of Karnataka recently submitted a memorandum seeking Central assistance from the National Calamity Contingency Fund